

House Resolution No. 2401

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State governmental employees who have demonstrated unquestionable courage and astute decision-making abilities when faced with unexpected challenges and situations in life; and

Whereas, William Wehrer, Jr., of Norwood, Missouri, is a Corrections Officer I at the Ozark Correctional Center at Fordland; and

Whereas, initially hired by the Missouri Department of Corrections on January 23, 1989, CO I William Wehrer has earned distinction for his activities while on duty on January 24, 2002, when he observed an overturned vehicle by the highway with a passenger in the roadway; and

Whereas, CO I William Wehrer called for medical assistance, checked for signs of life from a male who was pinned under the vehicle, and tended to the injuries of the female on the road; and

Whereas, although the male victim did not recover from his medical emergency, the calm, timely, and skillful intervention by CO I William Wehrer in a dangerous situation demonstrated levels of dedication and professionalism which stand as appropriate standards for his colleagues to emulate; and

Whereas, CO I William Wehrer will be recognized by the Missouri Department of Corrections on Friday, May 30, 2003, when it grants him a Lifesaver Award for going far beyond his regular duties at great personal risk to help prevent a life-threatening situation; and

Whereas, CO I William Wehrer also deserves note of his many other successes in life which include receipt of Law Enforcement Certification, special commendation letters in 1992, 1994, and 1995 related to attendance, and establishment of a loving family which includes his beloved wife, Mabel Wehrer, his wonderful children, William Christopher Wehrer and Tammy Jo Cudworth, and three grandchildren, Brianna, Brooke, and Tyler:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to salute CO I William Wehrer and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest commendation of his unselfish actions on January 24, 2002, when he strove to save a human life; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Corrections Officer I William Wehrer of Norwood, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Van Kelly
District No. 144

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2401, adopted April 30, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker